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In re Divisional application of:

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in Improved Methods for

Production of Medium-Chain Fatty

Acids

Preliminary Amendment

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicant hereby requests entry of the following amendments in the above-captioned application.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicant does not believe that any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, authorization to charge such fees is given in the accompanying transmittal letter.